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B.C., city talk vacancy tax

HOUSING CRISIS

Province says it's taking Vancouver's request seriously

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

A tax on vacant homes was on the agenda as Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and British Columbia Finance Minister Mike de Jong met Monday to address the city's housing affordability crisis.

The tax is one measure the city has pushed the province to implement and last week threatened to develop a business tax on its own if there is no B.C. commitment by Aug. 1. Robertson believes a residential vacancy tax would discourage speculators from keeping homes empty and incentivize increasing badly needed rental stock.

In March, the city released a report based on B.C. Hydro usage data that identified 10,800 homes as being vacant year-round. Of those, 9,750 were condominiums.

Although the sides didn't reach an agreement, de Jong said the province is taking the city's ask seriously.

"We're interested in exploring what that would look like," said de Jong. "It's a request that obviously we take serious and over the next couple of weeks we'll work through with the city to see what a positive response would entail."

He said government is open to possibly altering the Vancouver Charter to give the city the tools to implement and enforce the tax on its own, like it does with property taxes, and sharing information to identify empty homes.

De Jong doesn't, however, see the tax as a quick fix to Vancouver's housing market.

The issue, he said, is that housing supply hasn't been able to keep up with demand. "I don't think there is any one single magical solution to this," he said. "At the end of the day, we're going to have to build some more homes."

Robertson said the meeting was a productive first step.

"We can get our teams rolling in the next few weeks (and) hopefully we're well ahead of the Aug. 1 deadline," said Robertson. "Our preferred route is still to partner with the province. Ideally, we can find a system that works together."

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MLA opposes planned closures of schools

JOYCE-COLLINGWOOD

Two schools on board's list expected to triple in size

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The fast-growing neighbourhood of Joyce-Collingwood can't afford to lose two schools, parents and NDP MLA Adrian Dix say.

Sir Guy Carleton and Graham D. Bruce elementary schools (home to 518 students between them) have been identified among the 12 schools being considered for closure by the Vancouver School Board to help it overcome budget shortfalls.

However, Dix says the move is short-sighted considering one development already under construction in the area (Wall Centre Central Park) will soon introduce 1,014 new housing units to the neighbourhood while the city's proposed Joyce-Collingwood precinct plan calls for 2,800 more around the SkyTrain station.

That triples the number of homes, and potential families, in the area, Dix said.

"It would be unacceptable to this neighbourhood to have all of this density come here and then close down our most important public services, which are our public schools," he said. "It wouldn't make sense for the school system, the neighbourhood, the city or anyone else."

Carleton parent Ann Wong, Vancouver-Kingsway MLA Adrian Dix and Graham Bruce Elementary PAC chair Melanie Cheng hold a press conference about proposed school closures in their booming Joyce-Collingwood neighbourhood. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Dix has written to Vancouver city councillors, asking them to consider protecting the schools as part of the Joyce-Collingwood area plan going before council on Tuesday.

According to the VSB's long-range facilities plan, Carleton is currently at 50 per cent capacity and Bruce is at 68 per cent.

Ann Wong, former Carleton parent advisory council chair involved in saving the school from the chopping block in 2010, challenged the official utilization rates.

"I guarantee you that there are definitely rooms in there that are occupied all day long and still classified as an empty classroom," Wong said. "We went through a very similar process and it boggles my mind that, six years later, we're going through the exact same process again. We don't understand why that is the case. They are thriving schools."

Melanie Cheng has two children attending Bruce elementary and a four-year-old that would in the future and says she'll fight to keep the school open.

"East Vancouver and Joyce-Collingwood is one of the areas left in Vancouver where there is still relatively affordable housing options for families," she said. "The suites are going up, the families are moving in but our school is at risk of shutting down. To me, this just doesn't make sense."

When VSB released its list earlier this month, board chair Mike Lombardi stressed its preliminary nature.

No decisions will be made until December at the earliest, after months of community consultations, he said.

TENT CITY

B.C. makes second bid to evict homeless campers

A group of homeless camping outside Victoria's court house will need to find another home after lawyers and a British Columbia Supreme Court judge began negotiating Monday to shut down the tent city.

Lawyers for the provincial government and homeless campers openly discussed the timing of the camp's closure during a hearing into an injunction application.

Crown lawyer Warren Milman told the court that an immediate injunction is necessary because of fire hazards. He called for a phased-in removal of the homeless.

Catherine Boies Parker, the lawyer representing the homeless residents, said the campers need at least two weeks to move out.

"I suppose there's a middle road," said Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson, who said he was considering a shutdown order for as early as this week.

The B.C. government returned to court for a second time this year seeking an interim injunction to start evicting the more than 100 people who have been living in tents on the courthouse lawn since last fall.

Milman told the court that fire, crime and sanitary conditions at the camp outside the courthouse have deteriorated since March when the province originally applied for a court injunction to shut it down. That injunction was denied on the grounds that the government did not prove it will suffer irreparable harm if an interim injunction to remove the camp was not granted.

Milman said the fire dangers include crowded pathways, tarp-covered tents and the storage of combustible materials.

"Far from having made progress, there's been movement in the opposite direction," said Milman. "Things have gotten worse, not better."

The government will have housing ready for every camper by Aug. 8, Milman told the court.

The province says fire, crime and sanitary conditions at a homeless camp outside the courthouse in Victoria have degenerated. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Housing Minister Rich Coleman recently announced that the province purchased a former seniors care facility in downtown Victoria for $11.2 million with plans to turn it into 140 housing units with their own bathrooms and a communal kitchen for the homeless. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ABBOTSFORD

Police seize pot plants

Police found 1,141 marijuana plants in a house in the 2200 block of Merlot Boulevard in West Abbotsford Tuesday night.

The residence was heavily fortified and officers had to try multiple times before gaining entry into the hose.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing, said Sgt. Judy Bird, spokesperson for Abbotsford Police.

The same neighbourhood was the site of another marijuana bust in December 2015, where police seized 1,600 marijuana plants from an illegal grow-op, according to Bird.

The area is a relatively new subdivision in a rural part of Abbotsford.

"People are imaginative and have all different sorts of areas to have grow ops," said Bird.

"We encourage people, if they see something suspicious going on in their neighbourhood … to make sure they contact the police."

The property owner had a marijuana-grow licence for the residence but it had expired, said Bird. WANYEE LI/METRO

RECREATION

Stanley Park gets new map

The Vancouver Park Board is releasing a fully interactive map of Stanley Park just in time for summer.

The map, which can be found on the Stanley Park website, offers information on activities, sightseeing, food and gifts, transportation and trails. With 400 hectares to cover in the park, even seasoned visitors may find use for the digital map.

"Our digital map shows this Board's commitment to using technology through new services that engage visitors and help them make the most of Vancouver's outdoor experiences," said Vancouver Park Board chair Sarah Kirby-Yung in a release.

Over eight million people visit Stanley Park, the third-largest city park in North America, every year, according to the park board. WANYEE LI/METRO

Critics launch Bill C-14 challenge

ASSISTED DEATH

Law excludes an entire class of people, lawyer says

Julia Lamb is challenging Canada's physician-assisted dying law just days after it came into force. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Just days after Canada's physician-assisted dying law came into force, a 25-year-old British Columbia woman with a degenerative muscle disease is challenging it in court.

Julia Lamb who lives in the Fraser Valley city of Chilliwack has spinal muscular atrophy and worries her body will weaken and she will be left in a state of intolerable suffering because she doesn't qualify for doctor-assisted death under the new law.

"My biggest fear is that if my condition suddenly gets much worse, which could happen any day, I will become trapped," she told a news conference on Monday.

"I feel a shadow looming over me. I know I could lose the ability to breathe well enough on my own and require a ventilator, which could affect my ability to speak."

Lamb was diagnosed with the muscle disease at 16 months and required a wheelchair at age six, but she said she has lived a fulfilling life with a loving family and enjoys her part-time job as a marketing assistant.

The Liberal government's Bill C-14 received royal assent on June 17. Lamb said she opposes the law's requirements that a doctor's help can only be given if death is reasonably foreseeable and the patient is in an advanced state of irreversible decline.

"If my suffering becomes intolerable I would like to make the final choice about how much suffering to endure," said Lamb, who has joined the B.C. Civil Liberties Association to file a constitutional challenge in B.C. Supreme Court.

> **My biggest fear is that if my condition suddenly gets much worse, which could happen any day, I will become trapped.**
> Julia Lamb

Grace Pastine, a lawyer with the association, said the law excludes a class of people who are suffering with no immediate end in sight from diseases, such as muscular dystrophy, Parkinson's and Huntington's disease.

A Supreme Court of Canada ruling last year gave people the right to end their lives with a doctor's help when pain management, hospice care and medical treatments have not helped, Pastine said.

"The new legislation has the perverse effect of forcing some critically ill Canadians to resort to violent methods or the back alley. People will find ways to end lives that have become unbearable," she said.

Pastine said the association is asking other Canadians with chronic conditions who want access to assisted dying to join the legal challenge.

Justice Minister Jody-Wilson Raybould said the legislation was a principled, cautious response and she is confident it is constitutional.

"It represents the right approach for Canada at this important time in our country's history by striking the balance between personal autonomy for those seeking access, protection of the vulnerable, and respect for the conscience rights of health-care providers."

The husband of Elayne Shapray, a key witness in the Supreme Court case, said his wife's victory had been stripped away by the legislation.

Howard Shapray said his wife died peacefully at home with a doctor's help in May after her multiple sclerosis became intolerable. She died under the Supreme Court's criteria, which only required a "grievous and irremediable" condition.

"While Elayne had a smile on her lips knowing that she would finally find peace, she died dismayed that others like her would be deprived of the same right by Bill C-14."

Some observers, including Independent Sen. Murray Sinclair, have said the "reasonably foreseeable" requirement is open to interpretation and does not necessarily mean the patient must have a terminal disease.

Asked whether the case would be stronger with a plaintiff whose request for assisted death had already been rejected by a doctor, Pastine replied that Lamb lives every day with the fear of her disease progressing.

She said Lamb could suffer unbearably for years and therefore her death would not be reasonably foreseeable.

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TRIAL

Tim Shields is charged with sexual assault

A three-week trial is expected next year for the RCMP's former chief spokesman in British Columbia charged with a single count of sexual assault.

Crown lawyer Michelle Booker told a provincial court judge she plans to call about eight witnesses, including four police officers, in the case against former inspector Tim Shields.

Shields did not appear in court, but his lawyer said he will plead not guilty.

The sexual assault charge stems from a police investigation into allegations of misconduct during Shields' time as an RCMP officer and is alleged to have occurred between 2009 and 2010 at RCMP headquarters in B.C.

The allegations, which have not been tested in court, involve a civilian employee who worked in co-ordination with the communications unit that was directed by Shields.

Shields was suspended with pay in May last year and submitted his resignation in December.

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Former RCMP Insp. Tim Shields. KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO FILE

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KAMLOOPS

Accused in beating appears in court

A man accused of leaving an 18-year-old high school student clinging to life in hospital after a beating with a baseball bat said little during a court appearance in Kamloops.

Kristopher Teichrieb, 39, is charged with attempted murder in the assault of Jessie Simpson, who is in "grave condition," his aunt said.

Teichrieb was arrested a short time after an attack on June 19 and has remained in custody.

He appeared by video Monday in provincial court wearing a red jail-issue sweatshirt and had a wooden cross hanging from his neck.

Outside court, a half dozen supporters of the Simpson family rallied with signs and chanted "No bail" and "Justice for Jessie" as drivers honked their horns.

In court, defence lawyer Jeremy Jensen hinted that Teichrieb's charge could be upgraded to murder if Simpson's condition changes. He asked that a potential bail hearing be delayed.

> "He is not in good condition.... We can only keep hoping and praying."
>
> Marie Lewis on her nephew, Jessie Simpson

Teichrieb's only words in court were "Thank you" when a justice of the peace told him he would have another court appearance next week.

Teichrieb was arrested just after 5 a.m. on Father's Day after police were called to a reported altercation on a street near his home.

Simpson's friends and family have said in social media posts that he was in Kamloops for a grad party and was trying to find a friend's house when an altercation took place.

They have also said he was beaten with a baseball bat after Teichrieb confronted him. Police initially said Teichrieb had confronted someone in his driveway.

At a candlelight vigil on Sunday, Simpson's aunt Marie Lewis of Dawson Creek said he remains in a coma on life support.

"He is not in good condition," she said. "Nothing has changed. We can only keep hoping and praying."

Teichrieb has three children and is the owner of at least two construction firms. He is due back in court on July 4.

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IN BRIEF

High school student accused of making threats

A male student has been arrested and charged after a possible threat prompted high school officials in South Slocan to evacuate the institution and postpone graduation ceremonies set for the weekend.

Classes were also cancelled Monday at Mount Sentinel Secondary over what Nelson RCMP have determined to be a very serious but isolated incident.

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Dry weather could again hike wildfire risk

Two weeks of cooler, rainy weather has cut the wildfire risk around much of B.C., but officials warn an expected heat wave could quickly renew the danger.

BC Wildfire Service information officer Claire Allen says the Prince George and Northwest fire centres are the driest, with small patches in the northwestern part of the province already posted as an extreme fire risk. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hundreds of birds in need of homes as B.C. refuge nears end

WILDLIFE

Lovebirds, parrots and macaws all up for adoption

Hundreds of parrots living at a Vancouver Island sanctuary need new homes as an Aug. 1 deadline approaches for the closure of the World Parrot Refuge.

Between 450 and 500 parrots, including macaws, cockatoos, lovebirds and conures, are up for adoption, following the death last February of refuge founder Wendy Huntbatch.

"After Wendy's passing, the money has basically run out," said Matthew Spate, a refuge supervisor and one of its few remaining paid staff.

Huntbatch, 70, an avid animal rights advocate, opened the refuge at Coombs, about 150 kilometres north of Victoria, in 2005.

At one point she had more than 800 parrots at the refuge, which includes 2,100 square metres of heated indoor free-flight avaries and about 1,500 square metres of outdoor flight area.

The refuge was open to the public.

An obituary posted on the refuge website by her son Justin Huntbatch says his mother devoted the last 25 years of her life to the health and welfare of ex-breeder and ex-pet parrots. "Her goal was to educate people why parrots should not be pets, to stop the trafficking and importing of parrots into Canada and to provide a home for life for those parrots that were here already."

Spate said parrots can be difficult pets, which is why many of those living at the refuge were given up for adoption. Some can live to be 75 years old.

"They take a lot of work and they often outlive their owners," he said. "Parrots need a lot of attention and when they don't get enough attention they do get into trouble. Stories of people getting their kitchen ruined or base boards ripped off are not uncommon."

Parrots are loud, he said. Their squawks and screeches are louder than barking dogs, said Spate. They also talk, often mimicking the words of their owners.

"You also get bit quite a bit," he said. "You definitely get put through the ringer. But once you get to know the birds and they get to know you, they are actually great animals who are very intelligent and very personable."

The refuge is contacting the previous owners of the refuge's adopted parrots and asking if they want them back.

The Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary, a non-profit society in Surrey, B.C., dedicated to bird conservation, is part of the effort to relocate the parrots, agreeing to take as many birds as they can and find homes for them.

The city council in nearby Nanaimo has agreed to a short-term lease of a former Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Shelter to give some of the parrots a temporary home, Spate said.

He said he expects to find homes and shelter for all the parrots.

"But it's going to take a while." THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **Her goal was to educate people why parrots should not be pets, to stop the trafficking and importing of parrots into Canada.**
> Justin Huntbatch, in an obituary posted online

Roy Nordal cuddles up to an African Grey bird at the World Parrot Refuge in Coombs on Friday. The refuge which is home to some 400 to 500 exotic birds who have been rescued mostly from Vancouver Island and parts of B.C. is slated to close in August. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sweet seconds for U.S. president

OTTAWA

Three Amigos to have cookies made for each of them

Maxime Lemay of Moulin de Provence bakery sells cookies for Justin Trudeau alongside the famous Obama cookie. He'll make one for the Mexican president by Wednesday, too. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Here's hoping the president wants seconds.

Staff at the Moulin de Provence bakery in Ottawa's famous ByWard Market are busy baking as many maple leaf cookies as they can in the hopes U.S. President Barack Obama will pop in during the Three Amigos summit.

It's not an impossible dream.

The U.S. leader last visited the capital in February 2009, and surprised customers and staff alike when he dropped into the downtown bakery for a treat.

He chose the most Canadian thing in the store: a maple leaf shortbread cookie, painted red, with "Canada" iced in white.

Ever since, the cookies have been named for him. They're a huge tourist trap: store manager Maxime Lemay said the large display gets photographed constantly.

And the store is littered with poster prints of the president's visit.

"It's not very often that the president of America is coming in a public store," Lemay said. "He stopped by Parliament Hill to meet the prime minister, and he stopped here to have a cookie. It's kind of special."

This time around, if he drops in again, the bakery will be ready.

Lemay is designing a massive maple leaf cookie featuring the flags and faces of the three North American leaders for display on Wednesday.

Staff will also give away smaller shortbread cookies featuring Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto. Of course, there will be plenty of Obama cookies to give away, too.

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Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto is in Canada for the North American leaders summit with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Barack Obama. Here's your cheat sheet to the three North American leaders.

Enrique Peña Nieto

- 57th president of Mexico, took office December 1, 2012
- 49 years old, born in Atlacomulco, near Mexico City
- Campaigned on an aggressive crackdown on drug cartels and a promise to improve the economy in Mexico
- Peña Nieto has publicly revealed he has had multiple affairs, including fathering two children out of wedlock during his first marriage. His image was used on a Mexico City billboard in 2012 advertising adultery website AshleyMadison.com
- His wife is Angelica Rivera, a soap opera star on Mexico's television network Televisa
- He likes to listen to Abba and Celine Dion, according to a profile in The New York Times

Justin Trudeau

- 23rd Prime Minister of Canada, took office Nov. 4, 2015
- Son of former Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau
- Trudeau is a former high school teacher and taught French, math and drama. He's also been a camp counsellor, whitewater rafting instructor, bungee jumping coach, snowboarding instructor and bouncer
- Former U.S. president Richard Nixon foretold Trudeau's rise to power in Ottawa on April 14, 1972. His mother and father were hosting a gala at the National Arts Centre where visiting Nixon said, "I'd like to toast the future prime minister of Canada, to Justin Pierre Trudeau"

Barack Obama

- 44th president of the U.S., took office January 20, 2009
- This is Obama's last year as president. He will soon be replaced by presidential candidates Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump
- In 2010 Obama introduced major health-care reform in the United States. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act — also known as Obamacare — made health insurance mandatory while trying to improve its affordability
- Won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2009
- Born in Hawaii, Obama spent some of his childhood in Indonesia and went to university in Chicago
- Obama's favourite sport is basketball

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Brexit hangover rages on

UNITED KINGDOM

PM Cameron insists British economy is stable, robust

Prime Minister David Cameron insisted Monday that Britain's shock vote to leave the European Union won't send the economy into a tailspin, even as the country was stripped of its top credit rating and stock markets and the pound continued a downward spiral.

Calling the vote a "seminal event" that "will lead to a less predictable, stable and effective policy framework in the U.K.," Standard & Poor's knocked the U.K.'s sovereign rating by two notches, from AAA to AA. Hours later, Fitch Ratings followed suit, downgrading the country to AA, from AA+.

Both agencies said they were keeping a negative outlook on their ratings. Standard and Poor's cited risks to the economy and public finances, the pound's role as an international reserve currency and "risks to the constitutional and economic integrity of the U.K." as Scotland's strong vote to remain in the EU could raise the prospect of another referendum on Scottish independence.

A person holds European flags in one hand and a British flag in another in Lille, northern France. European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker said Britain's departure from the EU was "not an amicable divorce" but called for it to be quick. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Cameron, however, insisted the British economy could withstand the shockwaves.

Despite the uncertainty fuelling financial instability, leaders in both Britain and the EU signalled there would be no immediate start to negotiations on an EU exit.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel met with her French and Italian counterparts and said "we agree there will be no formal or informal talks" until the British government officially declares its intention to quit by invoking Article 50 of the EU treaty.

The statement appeared to scotch hopes by Conservative lawmaker Boris Johnson and his Vote Leave campaign to hold preliminary talks on the general outlines of a deal before Article 50 triggers a two-year countdown to a British exit.

Earlier, Merkel said she understood that Britain may need "a certain amount of time to analyze things," but said a "long-term suspension" of the question wouldn't be in either side's economic interest.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in Brussels and London to address fallout from the vote, said the U.S. has "immense confidence in ... the leadership on both sides of the channel" to negotiate a deal.

Amid signs the uncertainty was hitting business confidence, a leading business group said 20 per cent of its members planned to move some of their operations out of the U.K. The Institute of Directors said a survey of its 1,000 members showed three out of four believe Britain's exit from the EU will be bad for business. About a quarter said they would freeze hiring and five per cent said they would cut jobs.

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Intolerant acts surge

An Eastern European family in Rugby finds dog excrement shoved through its mailbox. A Londoner nearly gets into a fight over drunken slurs shouted on a crowded subway car. A Polish teenager in Gloucestershire is taunted with threats of deportation at her high school.

In the wake of last Thursday's vote to leave the European Union, Britain has seen a surge in xenophobia expressed in taunts, threats and worse. For many, foreign- and native-born, the U.K. has suddenly become much scarier place.

"Before Friday we lived in a tolerant society," said Oana Gorcea, a 32-year-old Romanian who has lived in Britain since she was a teenager. "I've been here 13 years, but I've never felt like I had to hide where I came from. But from Friday, things completely changed."

Gorcea, who works for a multinational company in Rugby, about 135 kilometres northwest of London, said her street was being patrolled by "English commandos who walk around and try to intimidate non-white non-English people."

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Aid for Fallujah too little and late

IRAQ

About 85,000 people living in makeshift camps

Near the "fully liberated" Iraqi city of Fallujah, tens of thousands are fleeing into the desert in midday temperatures of more than 50C. An estimated 85,000 displaced people are enduring heat and dust storms, even inside makeshift camps.

In Iraqi Kurdistan, hundreds of Yazidi women and girls who escaped rape and slavery at the hands of Daesh are surviving on meagre supplies, lacking medical and psychological care, while thousands of their relatives are also suffering trauma and deprivation.

On Sunday, Iraqi forces declared Fallujah, which had been held by Daesh for two years, liberated — emerging victorious from a military operation that took months of planning.

"Given the high population density inside the city, we prepared four camps before the operation," government spokesman Saad al-Hadithi told The Associated Press. "But the large number of displaced people and the quick movement has made it very hard to meet their needs."

> **The quick movement has made it very hard to meet their needs.**
> Saad al-Hadithi, Iraq government spokesman

Since the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, and the sectarian violence that followed, more than three million people have been internally displaced, and 10 million are in need of aid.

Yet funding for Iraq's multiple humanitarian disasters is both little and late.

Last Thursday, Canada announced that it will move to the front line of humanitarian support by joining the U.S., Germany and Japan as co-host of a pledging conference to be held in Washington on July 20.

Over the next three years, Ottawa will contribute $840 million in humanitarian and $270 million in development assistance to Iraq, in addition to its $145 million in "stabilization and security" aid. That is a sharp rise from the $163 million in non-military aid contributed from 2014 to 2016.

New money is desperately needed, aid agencies say. The current UN humanitarian response for Iraq is only 36-per-cent funded and as the Iraqi government and its allies continue their assault on towns held by Daesh, needs are growing alarmingly.

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Iraqi children displaced from the city of Fallujah gather next to a tent at a newly opened camp where hundreds of displaced people are taking shelter Monday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Canada Post warns of likely shutdown

Canada Post says mail within the system during a disruption will be delivered once operations resume. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT

Postal union will be in legal strike position on Saturday

Canada Post is warning unionized workers that any type of job action including rotating strikes this weekend will mean the shutdown of the post office.

"In the event of a labour disruption, Canada Post will not operate," the Crown corporation said Monday. "Mail and parcels will not be delivered, and no new items will be accepted. "Any mail and parcels within the postal system during a work disruption will be secured and delivered … once operations resume," the release says.

The two sides have been holed up in an Ottawa hotel for months, trying to hammer out a deal covering both urban and processing plant members, and rural carriers before the July 2 deadline. At that point, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers would be in a legal strike position.

Canada Post has also taken the step of publicly releasing details of its last offer to the union. It said the offer which includes a wage increase and no change to the defined benefit pensions for current employees. New hires would be put on a defined contribution plan.

A union bulletin notes those covered in the urban contract would be offered a four-year deal with no wage hike in the first year and 1 per cent each in the remaining three years. The union is pushing for wage increases above inflation.

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FOOD AND DRINK

Diet Pepsi with aspartame returning to shelves

Diet Pepsi made with aspartame is returning to shelves in the U.S., after PepsiCo saw sales plummet following its reformulation of the drink last summer to remove the artificial sweetener. PepsiCo says it will offer "Diet Pepsi Classic Sweetener Blend" made with aspartame starting in Septembers. The move is intended to appease fans who don't like the taste of the reformulated drink, which is made with sucralose.

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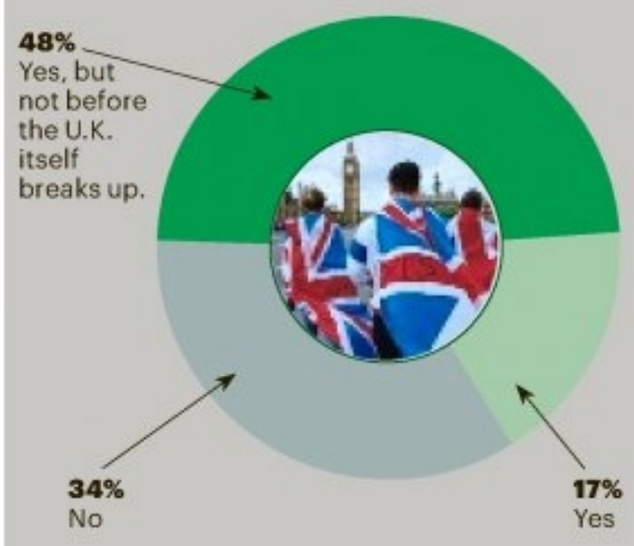
METRO POLL

Bowled over by the Brexit vote?

We've all had a few days to process the Brexit result, but nobody is any closer to having any idea what will happen. Will the U.K. actually go through with this? What about Scotland and Northern Ireland? What chain reaction of political and economic events will this set off? We asked readers what they thought would happen. Check out the results.

1 Do you think the U.K. will actually leave the EU?



2 How surprised were you by the result?

57% Completely, utterly blindsided
21% Not at all. I saw it coming the whole time.
21% Mildly to moderately surprised

3 What do you think was the decisive factor?

69% Anti-immigration/xenophobia
15% Distrust of elites and internationalist institutions
8% Fiscal/economic concerns
8% Nostalgia

WE ASKED Metro readers

Reality is the government will always choose what it thinks is best for itself in the long run

The vote provides U.K. significant leverage to negotiate new terms with the EU

They never used the euro. Putting the borders back to a safer level is wisest

The Brexit is a bigoted, backwards thing to do, and Northern Ireland and Scotland are not going to stand for it

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Local British expats see upside in the Leave vote

URBAN COMPASS
Petti Fong

British expat Roger Dawson weighed the pros, calculated the cons and came up with his own tally. Brexit is his Brentrance.

The Vancouver lawyer has lived in Canada since 1968, almost his entire working life, and although he is a Canadian citizen, he has always retained his British identity, joining groups like the Royal Society of St. George, an organization for expats.

He thinks exiting British PM David Cameron is very capable and the U.K. is worse off with Cameron's resignation. As for Nigel Farage, the victorious leader of the UK Independence Party, Dawson worries about his viewpoints and his capability as a politician. Dawson is adamant he doesn't want Farage as his prime minister.

All of which, on the surface, makes it puzzling to understand why days after the majority of British citizens voted to leave the EU, Dawson is pleased with the outcome.

On the night the vote results came in, my Twitter and Facebook feed was universal. Friends, acquaintances, followers and those I followed were nearly unanimous in their shock and distress that a majority of their fellow Brits had voted to leave. A colleague noted that 99 per cent of his Facebook feed reflected the same position. The echo chamber was clear.

The day after Britain voted, every expat I talked to insisted they didn't know anyone who voted to leave.

Their reasoning made intuitive sense. Anyone who left Britain to seek a life elsewhere had a global outlook and recognized the importance of being part of an international, connected union. The Remains, unmistakably outvoted by the Leaves, could not in their own forest recognize a single Leave.

Retired UBC education professor Dan Brown didn't vote but would have voted to Leave. His father was British, Brown is Canadian and he believes Britain out of the European Union could only benefit Canada.

In the long term, Brown thinks the immediate financial upheaval will be forgotten as the former commonwealth countries of India, Australia and Canada sign free trade agreements with Britain.

"Our British cultural ties will become stronger," he says. "It's really quite crucial that we in British Columbia — I use that title deliberately — remember where our good government comes from, the freedoms we have and the rule of law we have, and the prosperity we have. Those are the reasons so many immigrants want to come to British Columbia. They see it as a stable place and that's a deliberate result of our British heritage."

Dawson, the expat in Vancouver, says he thinks most of his fellow expats would have voted to remain in the EU. He doesn't know for certain. No one talked about politics in the weeks leading up to the vote. Now everyone is.

Dawson says he came to his conclusion that Britain was better off without the EU by knowing experts can be wrong and all politicians are motivated by political gain. Dawson chose to consider what his heart told him was right.

After working in Canada for most of his life, Dawson is planning to return home. Not to Britain, but to Europe where his wife owns a house in France. If that doesn't work out, he'll go back, after all the years away, and make a re-entry to Britain.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

When hunger strikes outside the home, will you be prepared?

There are two kinds of Canadians: Those who pack a lunch, and those who don't.

The latter camp seems confident others will feed them.

The former know better.

We were all raised to be fully aware of the danger of walking out your front door: You could get hungry. All of a sudden, your blood sugar could plummet. You could get to the end of the road and realize your error — a tummy rumble, a dryness of the mouth, some ancient, panicky alarm system ringing in your brain like the idiot BMW next door.

The lunch packer was raised to anticipate — and head off through careful planning — this most undesirable and preventable of feelings. In their household, as a child, no trip was too small for a snack. Running up to the airport for an hour? Better bring: a banana, an orange, two smushed and still-defrosting homemade muffins of questionable consistency, one granola bar. (The car, of course, is perpetually packed with two to four full — reused — water bottles, which seem, as if by the work of fairies, to never run dry.) Going grocery shopping? Better bring an apple. Taking a flight? Here's your bagel and cream cheese. And a few old carrot sticks from the bottom of the fridge. Want to take this day-old Danish?

For such a child, the packed lunch develops like an involuntary tick. Well aware that others somehow make do actually buying prepared meals from a million spots offering lunch, this child (now adult) remains skeptical. The outside world still seems like a wild, hostile terrain devoid of sustenance. You could get to work on time and just buy a lunch from Subway, but then you think of your parents wrapping sandwiches in reused plastic lining from cereal boxes, and you know you will be late. The fridge, no matter the measly contents, beckons. This feels like the moral choice. And even a disjointed packed lunch with all the cohesion of a latterday Picasso seems better than having to decide what to eat on the spot, when you're already hungry.

This is the lesson: Always head off the need to decide what to eat. It will be stressful, and disappointing, nevermind expensive. You will be at the mercy of the world around you. An unpredictable world.

In the moment of actually eating lunch, it becomes clear that a half-chicken meal with fries would taste so much better. But magically, by the next morning, all that is forgotten. Time is ticking. The threat of hunger looms. The packed lunch will be made.

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Female orgasm: It's complicated

NEW BOOK

Sarah Barmak explores women, sex and pleasure

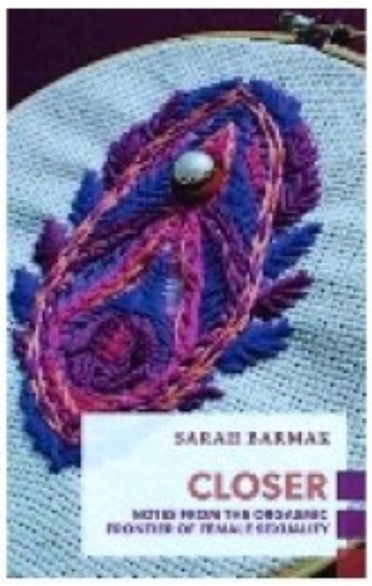
A few years back, Sarah Barmak noticed female sexuality was getting a lot of buzz. It was a discussion point in books, mainstream media, conversations among her friends. The recurring theme, she says, was it's "complicated."

"To me, this seemed curious," says the Toronto-based writer and journalist.

"Half the people in the world — their sexuality is 'complicated?'"

It sparked Barmak's interest in probing the deeper story of female sexuality, with a focus on one thing in particular: the enigmatic, often-elusive female orgasm. Over the next three years, she spoke to sex coaches, researchers, neuroscientists and a variety of women, from those who've never had an orgasm to one who was once capable of climaxing 15 times in one session.

The result is Barmak's new book, Closer: Notes from the Orgasmic Frontier of Female Sexuality, an exploration of the ways female sexuality is being redefined in scientific research and today's sex-obsessed culture.



Amid all your research and interviews for Closer, did anything surprise you?

Oh my god, everything. I knew I'd found the tip of the iceberg early on, when I went to an orgasm workshop at Good For Her, a sex store for women in Toronto — a five-hours-long meeting. These weren't the type of women you'd imagine going to sex toy stores. Regular folks, mothers — more conservative-seeming — but they were all suffering on two levels. The first level was this magical thing that's supposed to happen in every woman wasn't happening for them. Number two was the idea that their problem was frivolous, that it was something they'd be embarrassed to tell someone else.

That was a striking first scene. This line really stuck out, about these women talking about having an orgasm: "For nearly all," you wrote, "It will be their first one." It's sad that it's not really surprising.

It's true. I've talked to so many women who say they never talked to their mothers about sex. Or, if I asked when they first had an orgasm — they said, "Oh, I've never had that," or, "Maybe when I was first married." I think our culture takes for granted that all women have orgasms. And when you think about it, girls are not, in any sense, given information about their own pleasure. We don't think it's important for women to know what feels good to them — what kind of touch feels good, what kind of pressure, how to fantasize. A lot of girls get the message that touching yourself is wrong or shameful.

You must have a lot of thoughts about the ongoing sex-ed debate, then?

It's long overdue. I don't think it goes far enough. I think there needs to be more emphasis on pleasure, and this is something you'll find in Peggy Orenstein's book (Girls and Sex) as well. Diagrams about the female reproductive system have everything but the organs leading to pleasure. The clitoris is rarely mentioned. But with boys, there is clear talk about boys getting erections, they have sexual desire — and girls get the message that boys have sexual desire, and girls are the objects.

Sarah Barmak is the author of Closer: Notes from the Frontier of Female Orgasm.
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You come back to a similar theme a few times in the book, that we're living in this sexually liberated time, but you also unpack the complicated reality under that veneer.

We're accepting about sexual orientation, gay marriage and the fact that we're even talking about female orgasm — it's a sign we've come a long way. But I think there's diversity in the way that women are, and the way that sexual desire is, and the way women can be, that really isn't recognized.

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Harvard helping Dr. Google

Have you ever searched the web for a term like "eye pain" and come away concluding you're about to have a stroke, or you have a brain tumour, or maybe both?

You're not alone. Google says one per cent of its total searches are about symptoms.

Medical misinformation can spread faster than a nasty virus online, and Google is acknowledging its part in that. "Health content on the web … tends to lead people from mild symptoms to scary and unlikely conditions," a company blog post from last week says.

In the U.S., in English only, the search giant is unveiling a new feature called symptom search. Now, when Americans type a complaint, like "eye pain," into the Google app, it will display a short overview of the symptom, information on how treat it at home, and the signs that indicate you should head to the doctor.

It also shows a list of related conditions compiled with help from human experts at Harvard Medical School and the Mayo Clinic. Google communications manager Susan Cadrecha said there's no date set to roll out symptom search in Canada, but an expansion is planned to more regions soon.

Googling your symptoms? You're not alone. Google says 1 per cent of its total searches are about symptoms. ISTOCK

When it arrives it may be met with cheers from Canadian doctors: A 2015 survey of 1,000 Canadian MDs by the Medical Post found 41 per cent were "extremely" or "very" suspicious of health information their patients dug up online, and 45 per cent believe Dr. Google does more harm than good.

Toronto pediatrician Dr. Daniel Flanders isn't one of them. He thinks a care provider made of bits and bytes has a role to play, as long as people have a family doctor they trust to help them separate "dubious information and misinformation" from genuine advice.

"Anyone who is 100 per cent managing their medical problems with Internet searching — that's problematic," Flanders said. "But I feel patients taking health into their own hands and proactively seeking information is fundamentally a good thing.

"If Google can facilitate the process so high-quality information comes first, that's fabulous. Whether they're able to do that remains to be seen."

Patients with rare diseases who've researched their conditions in-depth can even teach doctors a thing or two, Flanders added: "There's a huge potential for physicians to become better experts, via the education they get from their patients. And the patients get the information from Google."

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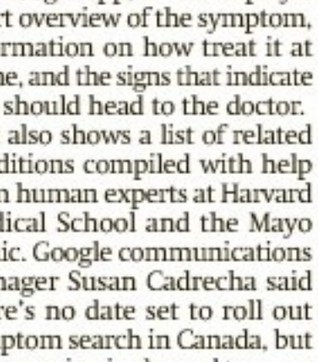

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England's latest Euro exit orchestrated by Iceland

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Little nation upsets team full of Premier League stars

Iceland pulled off one of the biggest shockers in European Championship history by beating England 2-1 in the round of 16 on Monday, continuing the astonishing run of the smallest nation at the tournament.

England slumped to its most embarrassing loss in a generation after taking the lead in the fourth minute through Wayne Rooney's penalty.

Ragnar Sigurdsson and Kolbeinn Sigthorsson took advantage of defensive shortcomings by England to put Iceland ahead by the 18th minute, and the Icelanders defended superbly

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in the second half to earn the biggest victory in their history and a quarter-final match against France in Saint-Denis.

"They thought that this would be a walk in the park," Sigurdsson said. "We had faith in our ability."

Iceland, a country of 330,000 people, is featuring in its first ever major tournament.

It proved to be the last match of the four-year reign of England coach Roy Hodgson, whose contract was up after the tournament.

"Now is the time for someone else to oversee the progress of this young, hungry and extremely talented group of players," Hodgson said. "They have been fantastic."

The England fans who booed the team off at halftime and fulltime will likely have a different opinion.

England's players head home early again for another post-tournament inquest. Their players slumped to the ground in front of their jeering fans after the final whistle, their heads in their hands.

Iceland's Ragnar Sigurdsson scores past England goalkeeper Joe Hart in Nice, Monday.
PAUL ELLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

England took the lead on a balmy night at the Stade de Nice after winger Raheem Sterling was clipped by goalkeeper Hannes Halldorsson as he prodded the ball past him. Rooney converted the penalty into the bottom-left corner.

Iceland struck back immediately through Sigurdsson, volleying in at the far post after Kari Arnason's flick-on from a long throw.

Sigthorsson then took advantage of more slack defending by England, getting time and space to shoot from just inside the area. Goalkeeper Joe Hart got a hand to the effort but the ball squirmed over the line.

ITALY 2, SPAIN 0

In, Saint-Denis, Italy ended Spain's European Championship reign, beating the two-time defending champions.

Giorgio Chiellini poked the ball into the net from close range in the 33rd minute after Spain goalkeeper David De Gea first parried Eder's free kick, then blocked Emanuele Giaccherini's follow up from the rebound.

Graziano Pelle added the second goal in injury time.

Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon preserved the lead in the 89th with a diving save low to his right to push away Gerard Pique's shot.

Italy will next play Germany in the quarter-finals on Saturday in Bordeaux.

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HOCKEY

Lindros finally called to the Hall

The debate is over. Eric Lindros will finally get his plaque in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Passed over six times before, the longtime Philadelphia Flyers captain was announced as one of four nominees for this year's Hall of Fame induction class, joined by the late Pat Quinn, goaltender Rogie Vachon and Russian winger Sergei Makarov.

"It was six years and it was a bit of time, but I guess you can turn around and say I'm in the Hall forever going forward," Lindros said on a conference call after the announcement.

15th

Lindros ranks 15th among all inactive players with 1.14 points per game.

This was a day that looked more and more unlikely to happen. Lindros was a hotly debated candidate every year for Hall induction, but each year it was revealed that, again, he had not made the cut.

Injuries, and the time they robbed him of, were used by some to justify of his absence from the Hall, though not from the committee, which keeps all deliberations private.

"I think there was some times you get thinking back and wondering what if," said Lindros, who scored 372 goals along with 865 points in 760 games. "But I think when it's all said and done it's an honour. It just kind of feels full circle if you can understand that."

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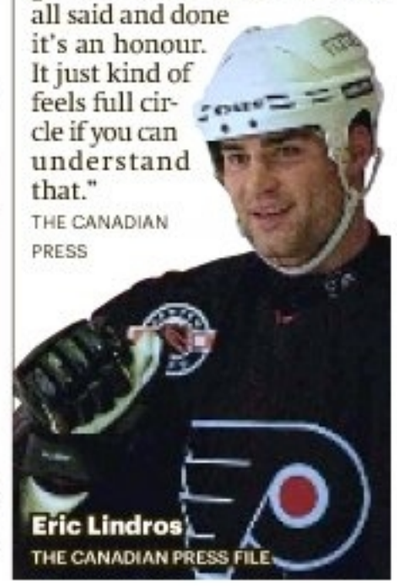

Eric Lindros
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MLB

Bryant has historic night in Cincinnati

Kris Bryant became the first major-leaguer to hit three homers and two doubles in a game, and Jake Arrieta added a solo shot in the ballpark where he threw a no-hitter in April, leading the Chicago Cubs to an 11-8 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Arrieta struggled in his return to Cincinnati, giving up a season-high five runs in five innings, but Bryant drove in six runs to help the right-hander pull through and improve to 12-2.

Kris Bryant GETTY IMAGES

Bryant's 16 total bases were a Cubs record, and his five hits marked a career high.

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IN BRIEF

Raonic fires 27 aces in straight-sets victory

Milos Raonic advanced to the second round of Wimbledon on Monday with a 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 win over Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta.

The sixth-seeded Canadian used his big serve to his advantage, firing 27 aces past Carreno Busta in a match that took one hour 53 minutes to complete.

Raonic will face Andreas Seppi in the second round. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Higgins placed on waivers by Canucks

The Vancouver Canucks announced Monday the club has placed Chris Higgins on waivers with the intention of buying out the final year of his contract.

The move to cut ties doesn't come as a shock after the veteran forward found himself squeezed out of the lineup during a 2015-16 season that included a 22-game stint with the AHL's Utica Comets.

The 33-year-old, who was set to make $2.5 million US in 2016-17, broke his foot in training camp last September and finished the season with three goals and an assist in 33 games.

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SIGNING

In another move Monday, the Canucks re-signed pending restricted free-agent forward Emerson Etem to a one-year deal worth $775,000.

RECIPE Roasted Chicken and Grapes

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Well, you didn't see that coming did you? But the sweetness of the grapes is a lovely counterpart to the rich balsamic and earthy thyme in the sauce.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 chicken thighs
- 2 shallots, sliced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 cups red seedless grapes
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp dried thyme

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. In a large, oven-safe skillet, warm up olive oil over medium high heat. Brown — but don't cook through — the chicken thighs, about 3 minutes each side. Remove the chicken from the skillet and place on a rack.

2. Reduce the heat under the skillet to medium and toss in the shallots and garlic. Cook for about 3 minutes until they soften. Add the grapes, stock, vinegar, sugar and thyme and give everything a good stir. Allow the sauce to begin to simmer.

3. Nestle the chicken pieces into the sauce and place the skillet in the oven. Bake for 20 minutes.

4. Serve over couscous, mashed potatoes or polenta.

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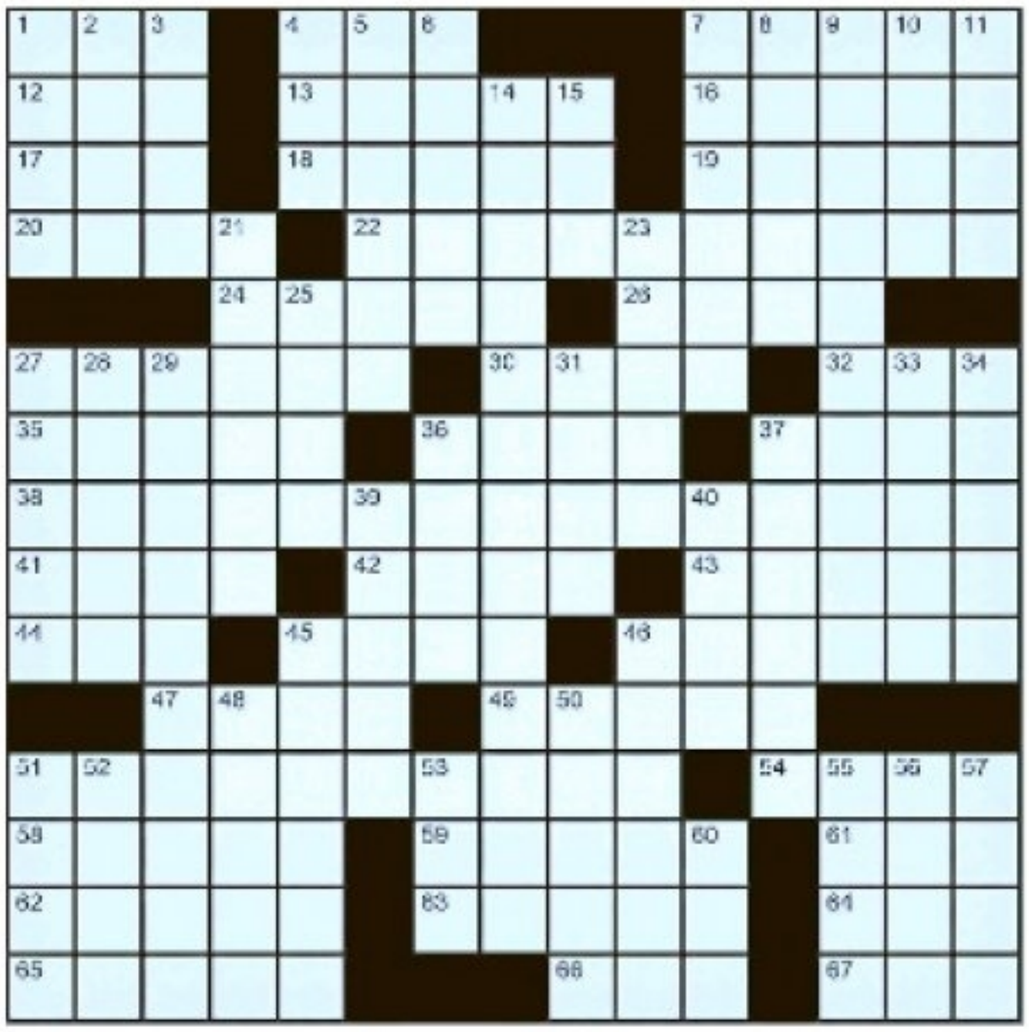
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. MLB's Cubs city
4. _ Red apple
7. A&E's scary show, "_ Motel"
12. Conned
13. "Not Ready To Go" by Canadian band The _
16. Bright lizard
17. "_ say!" (And how!)
18. Andrea _ (Ill-fated luxury liner in 1956)
19. Example of a herbivorous odd-toed ungulate
20. Treble _
22. _ wipers
24. Norwegian playwright Henrik
26. Female octopi
27. With pleasantness
30. "Stanley & _" (1990)
32. Sugar amt.
35. Ontario village called 'Toronto without the Ts'
36. Rotate
37. Italian harp
38. 'Lowbush' fruits produced in Eastern Canada: 2 wds.
41. Cape Breton, et al.
42. Energy units
43. Are Not, contracted
44. "_ sells seashells..."
45. BBC, fun-style
46. Rids
47. Dressed
49. House-topper rims
51. Astronaut's dreamed-of work area: 2 wds.
54. Tropical tuber
58. Workplace group
59. PC screen clickees
61. Goldie, to Kate
62. Quarried construction material
63. Red Hot _ Peppers
64. French pronoun
65. Hues
66. Empire State Bldg. location
67. Commonly, in poems

DOWN
1. Stylish
2. Lecture lieu
3. Still
4. "_ be my pleasure."
5. Groggy
6. Cliff nest
7. Get cleans
8. Once more
9. Lush wall hangings
10. Oscar-winner Mr. Jannings
11. Baby Atlantic Herring, wee-ly
14. Vacation town in Manitoba, it makes a splash!: 2 wds.
15. "_ Songs (Say So Much)" by Elton John
21. Demons
23. Glisten
25. Steve McQueen sci-fi film, "The _" (1958)
27. _ _ not the time (Later is better)
28. From Dublin's country
29. Assemblage
31. BBQ servings
33. Used up
34. Histories
36. Positive
37. "You're under _!" (Police officer's exclamation)
39. 1970 album by The Who: 'Live at _'
40. Trendy = All the _
45. Books: _ & Noble
46. Equally
48. Sierra _
50. Flip _ _ (Choose by chance)
51. Depose
52. To, archaically
53. Small photograph
55. Weaponry, wee-ly
56. Skylight's location
57. Cut
60. Command to an attack dog!

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your freedom is important to you today, which is why you might be impulsive or do something others least expect. Well, that's the Aries way, isn't it? (Get used to it!)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel restless today. You have that feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop or something like that. Don't worry, because this feeling will be gone by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A friend might surprise you by doing or saying something unusual. Or perhaps, you will meet someone who is a real character. Oh well, it's not a boring day!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be polite and respectful when talking to authority figures today, because you might be tempted to be just the opposite. If someone catches you off guard, don't be lippy. And don't quit your day job.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel plans will be interrupted, delayed or canceled today. Likewise for schedules with colleges and universities. Count on it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Check your bank account and matters related to inheritances, insurance issues and shared property, because something unexpected might happen. Make sure you are on top of things.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A friend or partner might throw you a curveball today. Or perhaps this person will demand more freedom in the relationship. It could be anything.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your work routine will be interrupted today because of computer crashes, power outages, fire drills, canceled meetings or staff shortages. Give yourself extra time so that you can cope with the unexpected.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Likewise, social events might be canceled or rescheduled — including sports.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Small appliances might break down at home today, or minor breakages could occur because something unexpected will take place at home. Perhaps someone unusual will knock on your door.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a mildly accident-prone day, so pay attention to everything you say and do. However, you're also full of clever, bright, original ideas!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Watch your money and possessions today. Guard them against loss or theft. You might find money, or you might lose money. What you want to do is be aware.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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1st Property made $37,328
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2 Cash Flow properties at $2,500/mth

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